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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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REACTION VESSEL FOR  
PROCESSING A BIOLOGICAL  
SAMPLE CONTAINED IN A  
LIQUID

EXAMINER: Unassigned  
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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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